ways and means to improve the telecomunications services. However, it was felt that the system requires considerable improvement. The conference gave a number of broad suggestions in several key areas like organisation, simplification of procedures for customers services, policies motivation to staff comuterisation improving the working of existing equipment and introduction of new technologies etc.

Construction of youth hostels

2505. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased o state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct additional youth hostels in the country to improve tourism.

(b) if so, what is the number of such hostels likely to be constructed during the next financial year;

(c) what are the details of the sites selected for the same; and

(d) what amount of funds collected for the purpose of during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached. (*See* below)

(d) Rs. 20.00 crores.

Statement

The youth hostels are likely to be constructed during the next financial year at the following place:—

S.No.	Place	State
1	Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh
2	Naharlagun	Arunachal Pradesh
3	Goleghat	Assam
4	Guwahati	Do.
5	Nagaon	Do.
6	Kurukshetra	Haryana
7	Hassan	Karnataka
8	Ernakulam	Kerala
9	Calicut	Do.
10	Tura	Meghalaya
11	Aizawl	Mizoram
12	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
13	Gopalpur-on-sea	Do.
14	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
15	Tirunelveli	Do.
16	Agartala	Tripura